

act so far as it relates only to the courts having jurisdiction of any action or proceeding for the settlement of an administration or to the practice and procedure therein.

SEC. 2. If any person, prior to the ratification of this act, shall have *bona fide* administered any estate or any part of the estate of any deceased person whereof original administration was granted prior to said first day of July, under the said act of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, he shall not be deemed guilty of a *devastavit*.

In case of bona fide administration prior to passage of this act.

SEC. 3. That executors and administrators who qualified and entered upon the administration of their estates before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, may sell such evidences of debt as are mentioned in section twenty of the act aforesaid and in the manner therein provided.

Administrators may sell certain evidences of debt.

SEC. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 1st day of March, A. D. 1870.

CHAPTER LIX.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WILMINGTON AND CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY.

WHEREAS, William F. Walter, Benjamin F. Newcomer and D. Willis James, for them, themselves, and as trustees for others, under decrees of sale made by the courts of North Carolina and of South Carolina for the purpose of foreclosing the various mortgages made by "The Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company," have become the purchasers of all and singular the estate, property and effects of said company, including the entire line of railroad, the engines, rolling stock, machinery, machine shops, depots and other tangible property and effects heretofore

Preamble.

Sale of Wilmington and Manchester Railroad.